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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009–10 REGULAR SESSION

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 102**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Coto**  
*(Principal coauthor: Senator Alquist)*  
*(Coauthor: Assembly Member Ruskin)*

January 6, 2010

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 102—Relative to the Joe Colla Interchange.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 102, as amended, Coto. Joe Colla Interchange.

This measure would designate the interchange of State Highway Routes 680, 280, and 101 in the City of San Jose as the Joe Colla Interchange. The measure would also request that the Department of Transportation determine the cost for appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1     WHEREAS, Joseph Anthony Colla actively served the San Jose  
2     community during the 1970s as a pharmacist, bike racer, bike race  
3     promoter, and San Jose City Council Member; and  
4     WHEREAS, Councilman Joe Colla worked in the 1970s ~~with~~  
5     *alongside* future mayors Norman Mineta and Janet Gray Hayes to  
6     help the City of San Jose develop economically and culturally and  
7     become described as “San Jose, a City with a Future”; and  
8     WHEREAS, Councilman Joe Colla became a true urban legend  
9     when he arranged for a helicopter to lift a Chevy on top of an

1 unfinished and abandoned interchange that had for four years fallen  
2 victim to the state's budget woes and a gasoline shortage; and

3 WHEREAS, As a direct result of ~~Council Member~~ *Councilman*  
4 Joe Colla's exploits, including posing the question, "Where do I  
5 drive from here?" from atop the unfinished interchange, and  
6 identifying the monolith as "A Monument to Nowhere," the City  
7 of San Jose received the necessary funding and the interchange  
8 project was completed; and

9 WHEREAS, It is accordingly appropriate to designate the  
10 interchange of State Highway Routes 680, 280, and 101 in the City  
11 of San Jose as the Joe Colla Interchange; now, therefore, be it

12 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
13 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes Joe Colla, a  
14 California leader whose actions ensured the completion of the  
15 interchange of State Highway Routes 680, 280, and 101 in the City  
16 of San Jose; and be it further

17 *Resolved*, That the Legislature hereby designates the interchange  
18 of State Highway Routes 680, 280, and 101 in the City of San Jose  
19 as the Joe Colla Interchange; and be it further

20 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested  
21 to determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent with the  
22 signing requirements for the state highway system, showing the  
23 special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate  
24 sources covering that cost, to erect those signs; and be it further

25 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
26 of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the  
27 author for appropriate distribution.